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Hello, I'm Aaron Nemetz, a student in eight-grade attending The Harker School. This as you presume is a letter about the recent cases on Microsoft. First I would like to talk about Judge Jackson's decision to split the company into many pieces. This for one is a horrible idea because it could lead to many monopolies, where each part will already have a huge user base, which seems to be very loyal to Microsoft's product. The company is like a worm, when you cut a worm in half trying to kill it the results are completely different. Over time there are two worms!! This is the effect that could possibly happen if this action was taken.

Now for the recent case, where Microsoft is being tried upon the idea that they are breaking the Antitrust Laws by making a trust with Internet Explorer. This case can be taken many ways. One thing comes to mind is John D. Rockefeller, a businessman who monopolized the oil industry by the late 1800's. His strategies were quit different; he would change prices in certain locations to run out the competition in those sites. That strategy was only used if other small companies didn't agree to join him in monopolization by handing over all there refineries for some price. Looking over the history Rockefeller's Standard Oil Company one can conclude he used trusts, just like Bill Gates has done. Yet while Rockefeller's company joined with other companies in the industry, Bill Gates merged with software to only improve his own OP's efficiency and user-friendliness.

Looking over the case I have a few more opinions. First as others believe this is yet another case started by AOL/Time Warner to slow down and make money off of Microsoft. One way I believe all Internet access companies can compete would be through rebates. Both Apple and Microsoft should come with a rebate, which would work on many of qualified Internet applications. This way competition would be restored once again. Even though the public does not seem to care too much about this monopoly I have thought of a simple plan that would replace interest in buying the best product.

THANX,
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